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**EP Publication No. 0 376 926 (*Lisec, Peter*)**

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**EP Patent No. 0 857 849 B1 (*Lenhardt, Karl*)**

**DE Patent No. 42 12 256 C2 (*Lenhardt, Karl*)**

**DE Publication No. 92 05 069 (*Lenhardt, Maschinenbau*)**

**EP Publication No. 0 615 044 A1 (*Lengen, Wilhelm et al*)**

**DE Publication No. 197 04 880 A1 (Lenhardt, Karl)**

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**Prior Art Statement**

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